

## MURDER WITNESS DEFIES THE 'GAP'

Mrs. Lillian Burney, Scorned by  
"Wickedest Street," Will Testi-  
fy Against Shea.

**SHE MAY BE DISPOSSESSED**

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Surrounded by Enemies, the Woman  
Battles Against Poverty and  
Intimidation.

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against Mrs. Lillian Burney, who has transgressed two of its unwritten laws. When any one is killed down in "the Gap" it is considered bad form to tell tales, and there exists also a community of interests which, despite many hints, Mrs. Burney has failed to recognize. She declined even

"Will you let me take a dime for a pint until to-morrow?"

"I haven't got it," she answered.

"I haven't enough to buy a meal for three children."

There was a slam of the door and the olive branch and a tin can clattered down the stairs.

Women are especially bitter in their threats and denunciations.

We don't know anything about Mrs. Burney, except that she is a group of matrons who stood at the door of Hamilton street, where dwells the woman who shot the man, and that she is a stranger and some of us have lived here for ten years. There were others of us who were not so sure of her. She wasn't the witness. What does she mean by going to the police and getting her name in the papers and being called a witness of a terrible street?

The block is included in Hamilton street, known as "the Gap," and also as the wickedest street in New York. It was there that on May's island, Mrs. Burney witnessed the murder of

Problemsome. "Cashon, known as 'Billy' Patrick Shea, pressed a revolver into the victim's mouth and killed him. She paid down her year-old baby to run to the aid of the dying man, and she heard the word 'Shea' repeated."

Having then been in "the Gar" only a few days and being unacquainted with its code of ethics, she did not hide when the natives came but told them the whole story. When Shea is placed on trial, she goes past that she will never see the day

From her testimony, McCann, known as "Billy," learned that the man who shot the victim was Patrick Shea, pressed a revolver into his victim's mouth and killed him. She put the gun down and ran to the door of the dying man, and she heard the words "Shea" from his lips.

Shea then fled. She said the "Gaps" only a few days after the shooting. She said that the code of ethics, she did not hide when the detectives came but told them the whole story. She said that she appeared as a witness when Shea is placed on trial. She said that the doorways of Cherry Hill say when Shea is released, she will never see the day which will bring her back.

Mrs. Borney has three children to support. Her husband is at present out of employment.

"I've managed to get food for them for a while," she said yesterday. "but, with a month or so more, I guess I'm going to be at about the end of my rope. I don't think that it will be a disconcerting notice after I'm not here, what's the use of losing heart? I'm not going to let myself get down. I'm going to stay right here with the children. I'm not anxious to testify, but I suppose

"I've managed to get food for them so far," she said yesterday. "but, with this month's rent due to-morrow, I guess I'm at about the end of the string. I suppose that it will be a dispossession notice after that. Still, what's the use of losing heart? I'm not afraid of Cherry Hill, and I'm going to stay right here with the children. I'm not a coward. I can testify, but I suppose might as well to tell the truth."

"This block and somehow I don't know the way of  
learn. That was a brutal murder, and the  
and my child, I might have finished me  
cure whether I'm an informer or not. I  
tell the truth."

On the street on the stoops and door-  
steps sat many women in baggy wrap-  
pers. A man reeled into a baggy wrap-  
per a pint of beer and nearly stumbled over a  
door.

"I wish I'd killed him," he said, as he  
stopped for a moment. "We have lived  
here years before that stranger came here  
and he was a good man. One of the  
women of Mrs. Burney and I thought  
do things here are plenty good enough for  
me. I had better get out of the Gang  
if he comes."

Under the direction of Captain Hodgson, of the Madison street station, a policeman, a visit to the street was made regularly to see that Mrs. Burney is not injured or intimidated by her neighbors.

## RADIUM PATIENT A PIONEER.

Physicians Say Efforts to Restore Child's Sight Are Only an Experiment but Mark a Step Forward.

"Tillie Spitznagel's case marks a scientific step forward," said Dr. Amos Jenkins, the physician who suggested the radium and X-ray treatment for stimulating the overripe of the little patient, in discussing her case yesterday.

"It was not supposed that it would be anything more than that. We hoped, if this first step proved anything, that other men all over the world, perhaps better equipped, would take up the suggestion and see if other steps may be made with safety."

"Bright electric lights when  
 we take her out now," said Mrs. Solz-  
 nadel of her daughter yesterday, "but we  
 do not know whether we shall let any fur-  
 ther experiments be tried upon our child.  
 We think sometimes she says she sees  
 bright lights just to encourage us."

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